

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"Every eight months, nearly						
11 million gallons of oil run off						
our streets and driveways into our				AFRATION		DON'T USE YARD
waters—the equivalent of the Exxon				AERATION ALLOWS WATER TO		CHEMICALS IF
Valdez oil spill."				SOAK INTO SOIL		RAIN IS LIKELY
— "America's Living Oceans" Pew		1				
Oceans Report 2003		1	2	3	4	5
			Garrison Commander's	ECO / BEM 1300 -1430		
			Monthly Sustain- ability Breakfast	Bldg. 218 Restoration		
			0800 - 0930 Wolf Dining Facility	Advisory Board Meeting	RUN DISHWASHER	
PICK UP PET WASTE			Topic: Water Conservation	1830 Elkhorn Catering &	WHEN FULL	
				Conference Center		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		EQWG				
		1000-1130 EPO Meeting				Waterless urinals are being installed at various
		1300 -1400 Green Bldg				facilities on Fort Carson to help reduce water use.
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			Xeriscaping principals (use of native vegetation, rock and bark) applied at the DECAM Training Facility, Bldg. 2410, and at other locations, conserve a great deal			
			in terms irrigation water.	Magriz 110, and at other rocati	• great deal	
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27	MEMORIAL DAY	20	20	21		
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'Whiskey is for drinking, water is worth fighting over' - Mark Twain

Every flush, twist of the faucet and spray of irrigation costs Fort Carson money in terms of utilities. Water in Colorado is a resource that is constantly strained by the semi-arid conditions of the region and the burgeoning growth of the state. It has created tension between governments in Colorado regions that have, and those that are in need of more.

Fort Carson staff and residents in an effort to conserve this resource and become a more sustainable community member, have done an admirable job of cutting back to the tune of 40 percent less water use or approximately 460,000 gallons per year compared to 2000 usage rates.

Installation and individual conservation and innovative programs such as rain sensors on irrigation systems have brought the water usage numbers down substantially. A step further in conservation is being brought about by Directorate of Public Works staff that is incorporating Army water efficiency directives in to the renovation of facilities and the construction of new ones. These directives include installing more efficient water fixtures and using xeriscape landscaping techniques (using native grasses, rock and bark) to lessen the need for irrigation.

One water-conserving effort gaining momentum is the installation of waterless urinals. There were 32 waterless urinals installed at Bldg. 1118, the Division West Headquarters; eight at

10th Special Forces Group buildings; and four at Explosive Ordinance Disposal unit facilities.

Although not an overall huge water savings, these waterless urinals send a strong water conservation message to every man who uses them.

Newer model bathroom fixtures on the market now being used in renovation and new construction here are improving in water efficiency. Standard toilets still in many facilities use from three-to-five gallons per flush compared to low-flow models being installed that use only 1.6 gallons per flush. Low-flow lavatory sinks and showers are also built to reduce water use from approximately three-to-four gallons per minute to now using only .5 GPM and 2.5 GPM respectively.

People living and working on Fort Carson have a crucial role in the practice of sustained water conservation. Simple indoor and outdoor conservation measures go a long way in reducing overall water use:

- Take showers instead of baths. When showering be aware of how long the shower lasts. Reducing a shower from eight-to-five minutes, according to Colorado Springs Utilities, can save up to 600 gallons a month.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can it wastes water to flush trash articles.
- Don't let the water run while washing dishes, shaving and brushing teeth.

Turn off watering systems on rainy days or when it is extremely windy.

Outdoor lawn care makes up a large percentage of water use during summer months. It is best to water lawns only as needed and when it demonstrates a need (starts to wilt). The best time to water lawns is in the morning because there is less evaporation. Also, avoid watering in the evening, which can lead to fungal diseases in the lawn.

Lawns require no more than two-to-three waterings per week and less if it snows or rains. The root systems become longer and more drought-resistant on a less frequent watering schedule. Lawns watered in shorter cycles avoid water runoff and thereby allow better moisture absorption.

Off-post residents living in Colorado Springs may be eligible to earn water rebates from Colorado Springs Utilities. Log on to <a href="https://www.csu.gov/www.cs

For more information about how to conserve water or to submit suggestions, call the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Pollution Prevention Coordinator at 526-1739 or the DPW utilities program manager at 526-2927.

If a leak or water line break is encountered in the cantonment area, call the DPW Service and Repair number at 526-5345. If a water issue arises in the housing area, call the Fort Carson Family Housing contractor at 579-1605.